

**BELLE PLAINE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
OCTOBER 5, 2015**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Michael Pingalore led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CALL TO ORDER. 2.1. Roll Call.

The Belle Plaine City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, October 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers of City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN. Mayor Michael Pingalore called the meeting to order with Councilmembers Gary Trost, Cary Coop, Paul Chard and Scott Schneider present.

Also present were City Administrator Holly Kreft, Finance Director Dawn Meyer, Public Works Superintendent Al Fahey, Police Chief Tom Stolee, Community Development Director Cynthia Smith Strack, City Engineer Joe Duncan and City Attorney Bob Vose. Wanda Savage served as the video recording operator.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember Trost, to approve the agenda as presented. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.

4.1. Regular Session Minutes of September 21, 2015.

4.2. Resolution 15-110 Accepting Cash Donation from German Days Committee for Archery Park Improvements.

4.3. Resolution 15-114 Accepting Donation of Park Benches in Memory of Jerry Connolly at Prairie Park.

4.4. Approving Easement Agreement with Chatfield on the Green, LLC for the Enterprise Drive Overpass Project.

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember Trost, to approve the consent agenda as follows: 4.1. Regular Session Minutes of September 21, 2015, 4.2. Resolution 15-110 Accepting Cash Donation from German Days Committee for Archery Park Improvements, 4.3. Resolution 15-114 Accepting Donation of Park Benches in Memory of Jerry Connolly at Prairie Park, 4.4. Approving Easement Agreement with Chatfield on the Green, LLC for the Enterprise Drive Overpass Project. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

5.1. Public Works Department.

Public Works Superintendent Al Fahey was present. The Council acknowledged receipt of the Public Works Department report.

5.2. City Engineer Report.

City Engineer Joe Duncan was present. The Council acknowledged receipt of the City Engineer report.

5.3. Administration Report.

City Administrator Holly Kreft was present. The Council acknowledged receipt of the Administration report.

6. PUBLIC FORUM.

6.1. RECOGNITION OF INVOLVED CITIZENS.

No one spoke during the public forum.

1. VISITOR - Dave Unmacht, Executive Director, League of MN Cities.

Mayor Pingalore welcomed Mr. Dave Unmacht.

Dave Unmacht, former Belle Plaine City Administrator, was recently appointed the Executive Director of the League of MN Cities. He expressed his appreciation for Belle Plaine giving him the opportunity to begin his career in local government.

2. Proclamation – Manufacturers Week – October 1ST – 10TH , 2015.

Mayor Pingalore read the Proclamation for Manufacturers Week.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE SCHEDULED.

8. BUSINESS.

8.1. Presentation of Claims.

1. Pay Request No. 1 by Schneider Excavating and Grading, Inc. for \$161,292.43 for the 2015 Drainage Conveyance Project.

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember Schneider, to approve the Presentation of Claims and Pay Request No. 1 by Schneider Excavating and Grading, Inc. for \$161,292.43 for the 2015 Drainage Conveyance Project. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

8.2. Ehlers and Associates.

1. Resolution 15-111 Awarding Sale of \$2,400,000 G.O. Bonds, Series 2015A, to Finance 2015 Street Improvement Project and Refunding City's 2007A Bond.

2. Resolution 15-112 Awarding Sale of \$2,255,000 G.O. Municipal State Aids Bonds, Series 2015B, to Finance Enterprise Drive Overpass.

Mayor Pingalore welcomed Financial Consultant Mark Ruff of Ehlers and Associates.

Mr. Ruff provided a summary of the sale of bonds for the 2015 street improvement project and the Enterprise Drive Overpass project. The City maintained its AA bond rating. The interest rate was more favorable and the expenses were less than anticipated, resulting in additional savings for the City. The closing of the bond sales will occur on November 3, 2015, with funds dispersed shortly thereafter.

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember Schneider, to approve Resolution 15-111 Awarding Sale of \$2,400,000 G.O. Bonds, Series 2015A, to Finance 2015 Street Improvement Project and Refunding City's 2007A Bond. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember Schneider, to approve Resolution 15-112 Awarding Sale of \$2,255,000 G.O. Municipal State Aids Bonds, Series 2015B, to Finance Enterprise Drive Overpass. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

8.3. Abdo, Eick & Meyers.

1. Accepting Water and Sewer Utility Rate Study.

Mayor Pingalore referenced a memo dated October 5, 2015 from Finance Director Meyer regarding the water and sewer utility rate study.

Finance Director Meyer explained the City Council authorized Abdo, Eick and Meyers to perform a utility rate study for the City of Belle Plaine's Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds. At the workshop on August 17, 2015, the City Council received the results and recommendations for future rates.

Mayor Pingalore welcomed Brad Falteysek from Abdo, Eick and Meyers.

Mr. Falteysek provided an overview of the utility rate study, focusing on the projected income and expenses for the upcoming years. The study indicated a 15% rate increase for 2015, then a 10% increase for subsequent years.

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember Schneider, to accept the Water and Sewer Utility Rate Study as presented by ABdo, Eick and Meyers. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. ADMINISTRATION.

9.1. Upcoming Meetings.

- 1. Public Safety Committee, TBD.**
- 2. EDA, 5:00 pm, Monday, October 12.**
- 3. Planning, 6:30 pm, Monday, October 12.**
- 4. Park Board – canceled for Monday, October 19.**
- 5. Enterprise Drive Overpass Groundbreaking Ceremony, 5:30 pm, Monday, October 19.**
- 6. City Council, 6:30 pm, Monday, October 19.**
- 7. Budget Workshop, 6:45 pm, Monday, October 19.**

The Council was reminded of the upcoming meetings as listed.

10. ADJOURN.

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember Chard, to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Krings
Recording Secretary